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**General Lyman L. Lemnitzer**  
**Vice Chief of Staff**  
**United States Army**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

**Dear Lem:**

I extend to you my warmest congratulations and all best wishes for success in the important task you will be assuming shortly.

Having had a chance to make my own appraisal of your high qualifications and good judgment many years ago, I cannot say that I am surprised at the choice but I want you to know that I feel we are all to be congratulated that you will be in this vitally important post at this critical juncture.

You can be assured that we here will do everything we can to be of service to you. Our relations with Army Intelligence have never been better and, as you know, I wish to do all I can to help build up that Service in its increasingly important role.

Sincerely yours,

**Allen W. Dulles**  
Director

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